

**Patent Claims**

1. Method for providing and billing WIM functionalities in mobile communication terminals, characterized in that the WIM internally counts each initiated by the subscriber, whereby the signature functionality of the WIM is blocked when a predetermined number of signatures has been performed.
2. Method in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that a release / reloading of the counter is set at a predetermined value and the signature functionality is thereby released again for a predetermined number of signatures.
3. Method in accordance with one of the aforementioned claims, characterized in that a fee for the performed signatures is charged to the subscriber upon each release / reloading.
4. Method in accordance with one of the aforementioned claims, characterized in that the release / reloading of the signature functionality takes place via the air interface of the mobile communication network.
5. Method in accordance with one of the aforementioned claims, characterized in that the release / reloading takes place via one of the release servers connected to the mobile communication network.